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| <b>Office Action Summary</b> | <b>Application No.</b><br>10/686,405     | <b>Applicant(s)</b><br>BIOLCHINI, ROBERT F. |  |
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### Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 and 18-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2 and 8-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bersten.

There is disclosed in Bersten a beverage brewing device, comprising: a container 1 including a side wall 3, an open end and a closed end 4; a stirring member 20 movable within the container, the stirring member having a shaft 22; a knob 23 attachable to the shaft opposite the stirring member; a perforated plunger 2 movable within the container, the plunger comprising a perforated bottom plate 5, a screen plate 6, and a perforated upper plate 7 attached to a hollowed shaft 16; a handle 19 attachable to the hollow shaft; wherein the hollow shaft is adapted to receive the shaft of the stirring member; and a lid 8 positioned on the open end of the container and having an aperture.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bersten in view of Cameron.

Cameron discloses a stirring member in the form of a paddle 30 having curved corners.

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to substitute the stirring member of Bersten with that disclosed in Cameron, in order to provide an alternative means for stirring within the container.

Claims 5-7, 14-16, 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bersten in view of Robinson.

Robinson discloses a brewing device, comprising: a container 10; a plunger 18; a plunger handle 13 comprising a bore therethrough to receive a shaft 16 and a detent 13B; and a lid 12 having a cavity sized to receive the handle, and a channel 14 sized to receive the detent.

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to substitute the handle and lid arrangement of Bersten with that disclosed in Robinson, in order to secure the plunger in a non-operable position.

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bersten in view of Robinson as applied to claim 18 above, and further in view of Cameron.

Cameron discloses a stirring member in the form of a paddle 30 having curved corners.

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to substitute the stirring member of Bersten, as modified by Robinson, with that disclosed in Cameron, in order to provide an alternative means for stirring within the container.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claim 17 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The patents to Arrigunaga and Portman are cited for their disclosure of the state of the art.

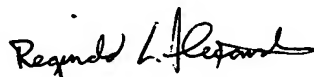
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Reginald L. Alexander whose telephone number is 571-272-1395. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached on 571-272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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